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MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY SPECIFIC FOR ADVANCED

GLYCOSYLATION ENDPRODUCTS IN BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.115

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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 16, 1996, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Declaration of Henry W. Founds Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132; a Declaration Concerning Deposit of Hybridoma; and a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, accompanied by the required fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 10, after "SAMPLES" please insert -- , now pending --.

On page 11, line 4, please insert the following text:

-- FIGURE 6 is a graph depicting the units of AGE per mg of hemoglobin in a sample treated by digestion of hemolysate with pronase and microfiltration through a Micron 3K membrane.

FIGURE 7 is an LDL-AGE standard curve for a competitive assay format, in which LDL-AGE (μ g/well) is plotted against the percent inhibition of KLH-AGE. -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-29 and 31-34 without prejudice as drawn to a non-elected invention.

In claim 6, first line, after "Claim" delete "4" and insert therefor -- 5 --.

(amended) A hybridoma [that produces is monoclonal antibody 4G9 as 9. produced by hybridoma 4G9, deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) and assigned Accession Number CRL 11626.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 30 are pending in the application as amended. Claims 10-29 and 31-43 have been canceled without prejudice as drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants affirmatively reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in a related divisional application.

Claims 6 and 9 have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that which Applicants regard as the invention.